Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Brookings Optimist club was chartered on June 13, 1972, with 37 members. Over 40 years, membership has grown to 119. Four of the original members are still active members: Glenn Anderegg, Mike McCann, Les Tlustos and Clyde Calhoun; and,

Whereas, The Brookings Club has sponsored new clubs in Watertown, Milbank, Madison, Aberdeen, and Redwood Falls, Minnesota; and,

Whereas, Club activities are focused on investing resources in youth – with over 40 programs or projects conducted each year including – Trout Extravaganza, which provides a weekend for about 600 to 700 area youth to experience the joy of fishing in a small neighborhood pond stocked by the Game, Fish, and Parks Department; Bicycle Safety and Rodeo, where 200 youth have their bikes inspected, helmets are given to those who need one, and youth participate in a safety and skills rodeo; Student of the Month; Kite Day; Good Government and Respect Law Day; and,

Whereas, The Brookings Club sponsors the Avenue of Flags with over 500 flags displayed at area residences each holiday and also provides funds to support scholarships for high school seniors, the Brookings High School Band, and the Boys and Girls Club:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2012, as

BROOKINGS OPTIMIST CLUB DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State